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In re Application of:)	
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Liu et al.)	
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Application No.: 10/713,879)	Examiner: Chiem, Dinh D.
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Filed: November 13, 2003)	Art Unit: 2883
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	
DUAL TAPERING AN OPTICAL)	
WAVEGUIDE)	

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2006, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks. Claim Amendments begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

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SIR: Transmitted herewith is a **Response and Amendment** for the above-referenced application.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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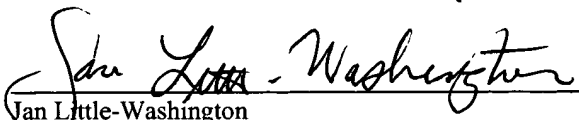
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